Eddie Eayrs, a Southpaw, Curbs McGraw's Sluggers To Dismay of 22,000 Fans

Two Melodramatic Rallies on Part of Local Nine Bring a Bit of Cheer but Prove Unavailing; Young Statz Performs Brilliantly for New York

By W. O. McGeehan

The baseball season of 1920 opened ceremoniously, auspiciously and husiastically at the Polo Grounds yesterday for something like 22,000 of New York's most prominent, socially, politically and sportively. It night have been a more enthusiastic gathering if the Giants had not en beaten by the Boston Braves by a score of 6 to 3. Young Jess Barnes went wild in the second and the game went right away from the Giants then and there when the Stallings cohorts piled up five runs.

Barnes Is Battered

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The field was all cluttered up with camerus and child actresses before the game and all of the players were mapped in groups and separately. When John J. McGraw, the Giant manager, came into the field he was given the most vociferous greeting that was handed out during the afternoon, though he had to compete with a Mayor, a Governor and Presidential candidate and the commandant of West Point.

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Cheers From Parched Throats

Mayor Hylan, waving his fedora, with his staff marched into the field first, accompanied by Brigadier General Arthur MacArthur. The Mayor was just about to hurl the ball that would start the game to Hank O'Day when another official entered the grounds through the back gate. It was Governor Edwards of New Jersey, the moist candidate. He got some vociferous cheers from a lot of parched throats and the band played "How Dry I Am." One of the Governor's staff wore a brown derby, which added a touch to the colorful afternoon.

Just before the game McGraw produced a young wildcat, which animal was brought out as the possible Giant mascot, and answers to the name of Willie Pennant. The wildcat was supposed to be emblematic of the spirit of the Glants to claw things up. But it is only a wildcat kitten and as the days grow warmer and Willie Pennant also becomes heated up both the mascot and the team both may start clawing up the league.

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The gloom over the explosion of Jess Barnes was excessive. The thrill that came when the Giants made their eighth inning rally, only to fade away in the ninth, was like one of those thrills that comes in the midst of a decisive game toward the end of the season.

The wildness of young Mr. Barnes stated early in the second. Holke got a base on balls. Then Barnes shot over a very wild heave to Boeckel. Miguel Gonzales, the sad, but agill glanced from his mitt and Holke, who is a deliberate sort of person, had time to wend his way as far as third before the little pellet was recovered. Beckel then proceeded to paste a two-bagger to center, scoring Holke. Mann singled and got to second on the throw in. O'Neill sent Boeckel home with a single.

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champion Reds opened their season here to-day by beating the Chicago on the chay by beating the Chicago out—By Williams, 8; by Daues, 4 and was unsteady, but his batting was responsible for all three of Chicago's responsible for all three of Ch

for the Giants in the field and at the bat. His achievements for the aftermoon were a triple, a single, a wonderful catch and the driving in of two of the three runs of the Giants.

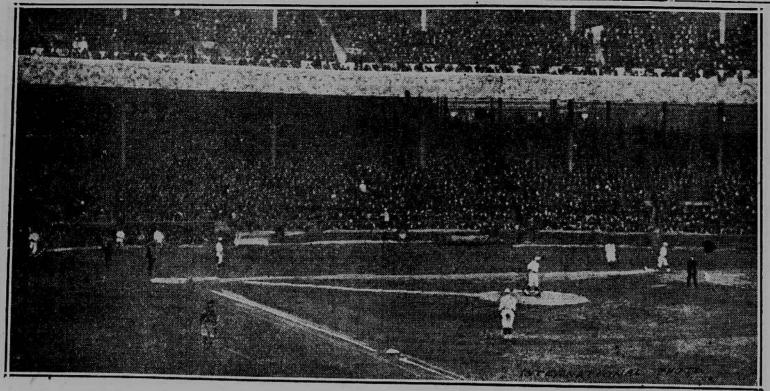
Statz occupied centerfield, where Bendamin Kauff used to cavort. He was the only one of the Giants who was not in the least puzzled nor annoyed by the left fin of Eddie Eayrs. Among ether things Mr. Statz is the greatest golfer in baseball. His performance was regarded with great interest by Grantland Rice, who was explaining that golf was the greater game and that anybody who could go around the links the way that young Arnold Statz went could easily travel around rapidly in any mere baseball league.

The Giants started to show a few teeth and claws in the eighth with one eat. Burns drove a hit through the infield and Young grounded out to Pick en a very close decision. The veteran battlers of the Giants swung into line. Fietcher singled to center, bringing in Burns for the first Giant run. Lawrence Doyle, who had been fielding his place with considerable agility, plastered Eayrs for a double, and the Giant bugs, snifing a rally of the old time kind, began to find their voices.

It was up to Jigger Statz, the boy golfer, and he came through for the pastime of the greens. Frisch singled to gight, Kelly, unnerved by the toughest razzing a Giant has received, lifted the over third, which filled the bases with two out. Gonzales sent one down to Meanwille, and the Rabbit shot it for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the minth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list half of the ninth the multiple for the list

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View of Yesterday's Game at Polo Grounds and Its Heroes



White Sox Defeat Tigers in Eleventh By Tally of 3 to 2

CHICAGO, April 14.—"Buck" Weaver, Eddie Collins, Williams and Heilman, furnished thrills in an exciting eleveninning game to-day, which Chicago won from Detroit, 3 to 2, ushering in the American League season here. Heilman's home run tied the score and forced the game into extra innings.

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CINCINNATI, April 14.—The world's champion Reds opened their season here to-day by beating the Chicago Cubs, 7 to 3. Alexander was hit freely

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Everything Augurs Well

The flag raising went off without a hitch, which was a good augury. So did Charies Jerome Edward's unrebearsed fling. And so did Leon Cadore's pitch that put the championship race officially under way. Cadore bent one over to Dave Bancroft for a strike. So, if there is anything to auguries the Fatbush Rooting Club should start organizing for the next world's series.

Gabby Cravath, whose wooden shoes clatter with a more dolorous sound since William F. Baker demoted him to the management, tossed in the best he had against the Dodgers. The best consisted of Eppa Jeptha Rixey, southpaw; Casey Stengel, outfielder; "Dots" Miller, second sacker, and Dave Bancroft, shoristop. Certain other hot poloi, including Mack Wheat, erstwhile third string Dodger, catcher, masqueraded under various names to help fill out a nine and a box score.

One often is affected by environment. That seemed the case of Eppa Jeptha yesterday. He is supposed to be a good pitcher. He has proven himself a great pitcher times without number. But, yesterday, in his melodramatic surroundings he acted very much like

ing of a \$1,000,000 athletic field and playground for New York City came with the passing of the Dunnigan-McDonald bill by the Assembly in Albany yesterday. The field is bequeathed by Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, of this city, as a memorial to her husband. It is intended to build the recreation grounds at Pelham Bay Park, the Bronx. It is understood that the members

of the Senate are also in favor of giving to the city this playground. while Governor Smith has promised to do all he can in the matter. At first it was planned to build the field on the site of the abandoned aqueducts in Central Park, but this met with objection from the Parks and Playgrounds Commission.

Stengel, who got two bases on Johnston's crazy chuck with one out in the sixth, was the first Quaker to wipe his spikes on the midway. The visitors finally managed to break Cadone's charm in the seventh. Ralph Miller singled to right, with one out. In trying to dodge an in-curve Mack Wheat's bat accidentally got in the way and popped a scratch hit into right field. On this scratch Miller took third. Rixey hit to Olson, who tagged second, forcing out Mack Wheat. He had plenty of time to complete the double play on Eppa, but pegged low, Ralph Miller scoring.

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College Results

Columbia, 2; Colgate, 1.
Yale, 6; Fordham, 4.
C. C. N. Y., 2; New York University, 1,
Penn State, 14; Michigan Aggles, 5.
Princeton, 5; Villa Noya, 4.
Brown, 3; Connecticut Aggles, 2.
Army, 4; Stevens Institute, 4 (11 innings;

arkness). Naval Academy, 12; St. Mary's College, 0 BASEBALL TO-DAY, ERRETS FIELD. Brooklyn vs. Philadelphia, 3:30 P. M.

Muff by Ruth Beats Hugmen In Eighth, 3-1

"Break" on Dugan's Liner Ends Pitching Battle Between Shawkey and Perry

Baker Now Likely To Rejoin Yankees

DHILADELPHIA, April 14.-Frank Baker may get into the Yankee line-up before another week. The former Home Run King attended to-day's game between the New York team and the Athletics, and late in the afternoon had a talk with Manager Miller Huggins at a local hotel. It was announced to-night that Baker will undoubtedly return to his old position at third base, as he has practically arranged for the care of his children.

From a Special Correspondent
PHILADELPHIA, April P14. The Yankees lost the opening game to are no fairer. Connie Mack's Athletics to-day by a score of 3 to 1. Scott Perry, the ace of the Shibe Park twirlers, got the

score of 3 to 1. Scott Perry, the ace of the Shibe Park twirlers, got the "break" against Bob Shawkey, and with this break went the game. The break was a muff by Babe Ruth, who didn't drop a fly ball all last season while a member of the Red Sox, but who inaugurated his Yankee reign with one that spilled the beans. Twelve thousand frostbitten fanatics sat it out in wind-swept Shibe Park.

Perhaps it was this crowd that recalled to Connie Mack and his minions the glory of the old Athletics. Anyphow, the White Elephants to-day played such a game against their high-priced rivals as to indicate that they have designs for something better than a nook in the cellar. They changed places with the Yankees for one day, anyhow.

Scott Perry was very good this afternoon. He was as good as Shawkeyand that's saying a lot. He may have been better than shawkey; presumably he was pitching to better batters. Perry let the hard-hitting Yankees down with six scattered blows. He would not have been scored upon but for Wally Pipp, who with two out in the first inning, drove the ball over the right-field fence.

This lone run for a time appeared the deciding one. The way Shawkey was travelling it appeared he might be able to do with it. But Sj Perkins, the fine young catcher of the Athletics, first up in the Philadelphia's fifth. boarded a fast pitch of Shawkey and lined it into the left field bleacher for the second homer of the day. It tied the score.

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Suit to Recover \$9,500 From Cubs

CINCINNATI, April 14. Suit asking for \$9,500 damages against the Chicago National League Baseball Club and for Thereafter, until the break referred of the receipts of the opening game at

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Ruth sprinted away back for Dugan's fly. He judged it to a nicety, set himself in an artistic pose then let the ball hop out of his big glove. The two runners had been streaking it around the sacks for home meanwhile, as two were out. Before the startled Ruth could make a recovery Dugan was almost to second and the two runs were over the plate.

Ruth and Pratt each got two hits, but not at the right time.

It will be noted that after Pipp unloaded his home run the Yankee opportunities were scare. In the second and third rounds Perry bowled over the Gothamites in quick succession. Pratt got his first single in the fifth. But Perry surrounded this with a pitched ball he Gothamites in quick succession. Pratt singled again in the seventh, he hit Shawkey with a pitched ball he was able to hold Gleich to a pop fly. Pratt singled again in the seventh white the single to the fifth. But Perry surrounded this with the strike-outs of Meusel and Reul, and though he hit Shawkey with a pitched ball he was able to hold Gleich to a pop fly. Pratt singled again in the seventh with the strike-outs of Meusel and Reul, and though he hit Shawkey with a pitched ball he was able to hold Gleich to a pop fly. Pratt singled again in the seventh with the strike-outs of Meusel and Reul, and though he hit Shawkey will be proved the second and shaw be and shawkey to Galloway. Duffy Lewis a starter in the inith but after Meusel of the second and shaw be and shawkey to Galloway as a s

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1. Hit by pitcher—By Perry (Shawkey),
1. Struck out—By Shawkey, 6; by Perry, 6
Umpires—Dinneen and Nallin. Time of
game—1:30.

Four More Local Athletes

Enter Boston Marathon

TORONTO, April 14.—Doubt as to whether there would be horse racing in Ontario this year was expressed to-day by representatives of jockey clubs as the result of the action of the Provincial Treasurer in imposing a tax of \$10,000 a day on mile tracks and \$5,000 a day on half-mile tracks.

Local Schoolboys Lose
TARRYTOWN, N. Y., April 14.—The
Irving Prep School baseball team
opened its season here to-day by defeating the Dwight School nine, of New
York Circ. York City, by a score of 18 to 4.

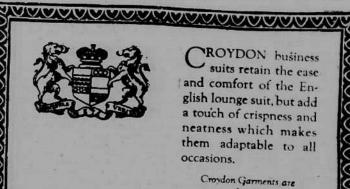
American Association

St. Paul, 3; Milwaukee, 2 (10 innings).
Columbus, 6; Louisville, 1.
Tolede, 1; Indianapolis, 6.
Minneapolis, 8; Kansas City, 2

Southern Association

Nashville, 5; Birmingham, 2. Little Rock, 51 Memphs

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